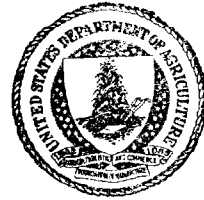


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**GOVERNMENT NOW HAS  
BUFFALO TROPHIES FOR SALE**

The future of the buffalo is at last assured and the herds are now becoming productive, says Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. A few years ago these big game animals were so much hunted that they were fast approaching extinction, but now, under the care of the Biological Survey at the Wind Cave Game Refuge in South Dakota, and the National Bison Range in western Montana, the animals are increasing in numbers to an extent which justifies a practical utilization of the herds. This is particularly the case when the number of buffalo increases beyond the available area and food supply of the game reservations on which they are maintained.

The Biological Survey calls attention to the fact that in perpetuating this noble species of American big game it now becomes possible to use an annual surplus, including heads and hides as by-products. Proper wildlife administration includes calling the matter of the surplus to the attention of sportsmen and others who might be interested, to the end that persons wishing buffalo trophies or meat or even live animals may know where they may be had.

Many of the surplus buffalo are used alive by transporting them to other suitable areas for restocking purposes or for exhibition in public parks, and in similar ways. A limited number not suited to or required for these purposes will be slaughtered each year and used as meat. The by-products are

available for those desiring buffalo trophies and are offered for sale by the Biological Survey at \$35 to \$60 each for heads; and \$40 to \$80 each for robes suitable for rugs or coats. Live buffalo, well-developed young animals, suitable for exhibition and breeding purposes, are offered at \$115 each, crated and loaded on the cars at Hot Springs, S. Dak., and Moiese, Mont. Further information will be supplied to those requesting it, by the Warden, National Bison Range, Moiese, Mont., or the Warden, Wind Cave National Park Game Preserve, Hot Springs, S. Dak.

There are also a number of surplus elk on these two reservations which the bureau has arranged to sell at \$65 per head, crated and loaded on the cars. Recent shipments from the Wind Cave Refuge in South Dakota consisted of two elk and two buffalo for exhibit purposes in a park at Monroe, La., one cow elk to La G range, Ind., and six bull elk to the Pennsylvania State Game Commission for liberation on suitable range in Elk County. A herd of elk was placed on this range several years ago and the animals have done so well that it was deemed advisable to secure six young bulls as an addition to the herd.